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STRESS RESPONSIBILITY OF MINE MANAGERS;
MECHANIZE MINING OPERATIONS

TO IMPROVE MINING PRODUCTION -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 26 Feb 52

Uneven production has greatly hindered the fulfillment of coal mining plans. To eliminate seasonal fluctuation, the Minister of Mining and Power has issued a decree placing the responsibility on the managers of the mines. The minister directed that managers must take disciplinary action against shirkers if their efforts to improve production results fail.

New shafts may be opened in limited number at the beginning of the month. Managers are required to keep mining operations on an even level. The strength of the work brigade must be maintained with less than 10 percent turnover. The number of pay clerks must be increased so that the workers may be informed of their performance. In the past, lack of pay clerks led to production lags, especially at the beginning of the month when workers were unable to learn the amount of their earnings. This shortage of personnel necessitated the performance of administrative duties by the technical management.

Because of faulty maintenance, production lags on Mondays and after holidays. To remedy this situation, the minister ordered maintenance work on Sundays and holidays too.

Another cause of uneven production is that there are more miners on day shifts than on other shifts. Managers are directed to maintain equal shifts, and to provide for constant supervision, day and night. In the future, when evaluating the production of competing miners, the evenness of the shifts must also be taken into consideration.

The minister emphasizes that strict compliance with this decree will result in an increase in coal production of approximately 26 percent in one year.

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MECHANIZE DELIVERY IN MINING OPERATIONS -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 10 Jan 52

Among the various mining operations, loading and delivery take up the most time. During 1950, 30 percent of delivery in the shafts was done by machines. In 1951, this percentage was raised to 39.6, and it is planned to increase this figure to 80 percent by the end of the Five-Year Plan.

In productive operations, 45.5 percent of the work was done by machines in 1950, and 56.3 percent in 1951.

COMPLETE PLATING OF NEW SMELTER -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 14 Feb 52

On Wednesday, 13 February 1952, a metal-plated cupola was placed on the 38-meter-high trunk of the new smelter at Diosgyor. The 25-ton cupola had been welded together on the ground and was then raised into position with a tower crane. Thus, the metal plating of the smelter, started on 29 January, was completed according to schedule.

Today, the 20-ton pipe system, already welded together, will be lifted into place. Above the finished cupola, the tower is being equipped with feeders, the mixture distributor, the great bell, and the gas pipes.

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